

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ireland
Program Title:	International Fund for Ireland
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	190-0410
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$18,352,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$18,391,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$8,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1986
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	

Summary: Through the International Fund for Ireland (IFI), the United States provides assistance for economic redevelopment and cross-community reconciliation throughout Northern Ireland and the six border counties of the Republic of Ireland.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-based Reconciliation Efforts

International Fund for Ireland (IFI) (\$18,352,000 ESF, \$18,391,000 ESF carryover). The U.S. Government's contribution to the IFI, administered by USAID, is used in the following initiatives:

1) Community Capacity Building Initiative. This is the most people oriented component of the Fund's work, and is designed to provide people, particularly those in the most disadvantaged areas, with the skills, resources and self-confidence to undertake the social and economic regeneration of their communities. It also encourages local groups to reach out to other communities and through training and work experience helps young people to enter the labor market or further their education.

2) Regeneration of Deprived Areas Initiative. The grouping of community-led, economically driven initiatives under this heading comprises a number of key components which are designed to revitalize the most disadvantaged areas in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties. In Northern Ireland, the Community Regeneration Improvement Special Program, which attracts co-funding from the Department for Social Development, is the principal program of support; the Border Towns and Villages Program operates in the Southern border counties. The Rural Development Program operates in Northern Ireland, with partnership funding from the Rural Development Council, and in the Southern border counties. The initiative also provides support to Special Projects which contribute to the Fund's overall objectives and for which there is no specific program of funding.

3) Economic Development Initiative. The programs brought together under this heading are designed to encourage the development of the local economic base by stimulating a number of community- and private sector-led initiatives designed to create economic opportunities and job creation in several key areas. Priority initiatives include encouraging the growth of small and medium sized companies; technical innovation, especially in product development and marketing methods; tourism, and support for the regeneration of derelict properties for commercial purposes in towns and villages. The Fund's support for a number of major flagship projects and its two investment companies are included under this heading.

The implementer is the IFI.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Community-based Reconciliation Efforts

International Fund for Ireland (\$8,500,000 ESF). It is expected that funds will continue to be used in projects designed to promote reconciliation and cross-community understanding. The implementer is the IFI.

Performance and Results: International Fund for Ireland. As a measure of the Fund's success, between 1987 and September 2004, about 5,500 Fund projects created over 42,000 jobs. Over 800 organizations have been assisted to promote social and economic development, involving more than 9,000 community leaders. For every U.S. dollar invested by the Fund, over two dollars are raised from private, British, and Irish sources, bringing total investment in the last 18 years in Northern Ireland and the six border counties of the Republic of Ireland to approximately \$2.194 billion. Continued U.S. support underpins U.S. efforts to create an enduring, sustainable peace in Northern Ireland.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ireland

190-0410 International Fund for Ireland	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	19,600	411,484
Expenditures	19,600	361,647
Unliquidated	0	49,837
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	49,836
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	19,600	411,484
Expenditures	19,600	411,483
Unliquidated	0	1
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	18,391
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	18,352
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	36,743
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		

Obligations	0	8,500
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	19,600	456,727